

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2002

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by Pastor David Zelmer with Zion Lutheran Church.

1a. A.O.K. LADIES PRESENTATION REGARDING GRAND ISLAND BEING NAMED THE CITY OF KINDNESS – Mrs. DeMay was present and stated that on November 22, 2002, the City of Grand Island signed a proclamation naming Grand Island the “City of Kindness”. She stated in 1998 sixty women came together to find something good. Grand Island has good people and good things going on. Their goal is to spread kindness and in the last five years they have made people aware of what an act of kindness can do. They have touched the lives of 1200 school children and various organizations in the community. The community kindness letters are also in the newspaper. She stated that they hope they have made a difference. She distributed cards to the board member and Lancaster thanked her for sharing.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda.

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting
  2. 7 Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with Hines & Associates
  3. 9 Authorize the chair to sign the agreement with DMG Maximus
  4. 15 Approve the final plat for Hockensmith Subdivision
  5. 23 Accept and place on file the office reports from the Clerk of the District Court, Emergency Management, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and County Court
  6. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer’s Miscellaneous Receipts
  7. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received
- Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

2a DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH FOP LODGE #10 – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that they have been negotiating with the Hall County Sheriff’s FOP Union for several months and are ready to take action on the agreement. He stated that through the negotiations they have reached an agreement on pay differential for bilingual pay of fourteen cents and an increase on the canine officer’s pay from fourteen cents to twenty-three cents. They have also increased the tuition reimbursement. They have also changed the training officer pay. This is a two-year contract with a 2% increase and no step increases for the first year and a 3% increase with steps for the second year. The members of the bargaining committee agree with the changes and he recommended approval. Logan questioned how the bilingual pay would work and Janulewicz stated that it works better to use an hourly increase instead of a flat rate. This works better with they new payroll system. The training officer pay is for a set time for each eight-hour shift and this is used only for a certain number of weeks. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve the Hall County Sheriff FOP contract. Arnold stated that

he would abstain from the vote. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no, with Arnold abstaining. Motion carried.

2b EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY & DIRECTION TO NEGOTIATION TEAM REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH UFCW Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:23 executive session

9:55 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

4. BID OPENING VENDING SERVICES – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	PRICE CAN	PRICE BOTTLE	PRICE JUICE	COMMISSION
PEPSI BOTTLING	\$.60	\$.85	\$.85	37%
COCA COLA	\$.50, 60	\$.75, 80,90,1.00	\$.85,90,1.00	10%,20%,25%,35%, 40% COMMISSION VARIES ON COST OF PRODUCT
STATE OF NE COMMISSION	\$.60	\$1.25	\$1.25	10% OF GROSS SALES
	CHIPS	CANDY	COOKIES GUM	
STATE OF NE COMMISSION	\$.50	\$.60	\$.60 \$.25	10% OF GROSS SALES
VALLEY VENDING	\$.75	\$.65	\$.65 & .75 \$.50	12%

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to refer the bids to the vending committee for a recommendation. He asked if Jim Eriksen would serve on the committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

8 HOWARD MAXON EMERGENCE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR REGARDING FY 2002 STATE DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION – Howard Maxon was present stated that Nebraska will receive over three million dollars for emergence preparedness. These dollars can be spent to equip first responders. The grant requires that it be submitted by the health regions. Each county in our health district, the fire districts and St. Francis Hospital put together a request and then it was submitted as a whole to the state. The total request was for \$605,249.50. These are 100% federal funds and there are no matching funds required. It requires that the county sign the application. The purchases would have to be made and then reimbursed to the county. The equipment would go to the different organizations and an agreement would need to be made between the groups. Discussion was held and it was suggested that the audit committee review it.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to refer the grant application to the audit committee for a recommendation. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries,

Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried. They will schedule a meeting and let Howard know.

10 RECEIVE TORT CLAIM FROM OSCAR GONZALES FUGUAGA – Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to receive the tort claim from Oscar Gonzales Fuguaga. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION DISCUSS AND APPROVE ADDING ATTORNEY TO PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE – Arnold stated that the committee met with Public Defender Jerry Piccolo in May and he requested that the board add another public defender to his staff. This was discussed and should have been added to his budget at that time. They are currently withdrawing from every third felony because of the increased caseload. Mr. Piccolo stated that he felt by adding one more public defender they would be able to handle more cases. This matter was simply not addressed during the budget process.

Jeffries stated that they have a set number of cases that they can handle. Hartman expressed concern that he does not set the salaries for his office. Jeffries stated that he submits a budget for expenses only. Mr. Piccolo did send a request to the committee for the additional attorney. Lancaster agreed that even with the expense of hiring another attorney with salary and benefits it would be less expensive than to use court appointed attorneys.

Arnold stated that Mr. Piccolo would move a more experienced person to do the felony cases and hire a less experienced attorney for other cases

Hartman expressed concern that he does not met with the county board and why he is turning the cases down. Lancaster stated that the attorneys are at their maximum caseload per attorney and they do not choose if it is classified as a felony that is determined by the county attorney. Lancaster stated that the county cannot control the law enforcement costs and the county does not have any choice.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve hiring the additional public defender. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The claims were reviewed and Hartman made a motion and Logan seconded to approve the claims as audited and authorize the clerk to pay. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board assistant Stacey Ruzicka included her progress report in the packets and reminded Scott Arnold that Stuhr Museum will be meeting. The ADA meeting will be postponed until next Tuesday and County Government Day will be November 26<sup>th</sup>.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – no report

Humiston – No report

Eriksen – He stated the health board met and accepted the \$250,000.00 offer from the county and to look for other office space. They will request equal funding from the city and are waiting for their response.

Logan – No report

Jeffries – He reported that the justice committee and talked to the Doniphan village board about the rate for hourly patrol of their town. This rate is the additional hours that they request services. The rate has not been changed since 1988 and the committee met and recommended changes and signing a three-year contract. The current rate is at \$14.00 per hour and it would be increased to \$23.00 an hour. This is the same rate that is charged to Cairo and Wood River. Hartman questioned what the City of Grand Island pays. The sheriff does work for the city as far as delivering papers and law enforcement but the county charges the small towns. He questioned if everyone is being treated equally. The villages can have their own police force but have chosen not to. The board will have to review and approve the contracts once they have been completed.

Jeffries reported that the parks committee has met and they have an estimated from an engineering firm to put in city water and sewer. The estimate was \$190,000.00 and \$170,000.00 was budgeted. They will bring this to the full count board in December and set the bid opening for January. Eriksen stated that he would like to see an overall plan for the park. He stated that if the county is going to maintain the park they would need to have sewer and water.

Hartman questioned if the camping area is eliminated if they would need this and he questioned if the board wants to increase the camping area because so much has been lost. He stated that the board needs to make this decision.

Jeffries stated that the building and grounds committee received a call requesting them to met with Judge Luther and the interior decorator to go over the colors and Jeffries stated he told them to proceed with the project. Jeffries stated she has waited a long time for the remodeling and he is glad it is going to be completed.

Scott – He reported that he attended juvenile justice meeting and the public defender committee meeting.

Lancaster – She attended the public defender committee meeting and corrections negotiations meeting. She reported that Senior Citizens is working very hard to raise funds for the capital improvements. She also reported that the audit committee met to approve the equipment reserve requests. She also attended two days of meetings with Workforce Development. She reminded the board members that the meeting will be recessed until 6:00 p.m. tonight for the joint meeting with the city council regarding the site for the ethanol plant.

Meeting recessed until 6:00 p.m. for the joint meeting.

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk